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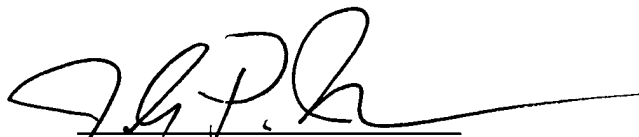
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003 (Paper No. 9), applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, Claims 1-3, 9-14, 22-24, and 33-35. Applicants also request examination of the claims of Group V, Claims 25-31, since it should not be a serious burden for the examiner to examine these claims as well. See MPEP § 803(B) at page 800-4 (August 2001).

A first office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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